

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1736 - SB 2376

February 7, 2016

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates an exception to the offense of carrying a weapon on school property for employees of a college or university under the Tennessee Board of Regents or the Board of Trustees of the University of Tennessee if the employee is on property owned by the employer and the employee has a valid handgun carry permit.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Expenditures – \$7,300/Incarceration*

Assumptions:

- Statistics from the Department of Correction (DOC) show an average of two admissions each year for the past five years for carrying a weapon on school property. It is assumed that the bill will result in one fewer admission every five years.
- The average time served for a Class E felony is 1.47 years, or 536.92 days.
- According to the DOC, the average operating cost per offender per day for calendar year 2016 is \$67.73.
- The annualized decrease in incarceration costs is \$7,273.12 [(536.92 days x \$67.73) / 5].

*Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-4-210, requires that: *For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated from recurring revenues shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years.*

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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